

SENATE BILL 2061  
By McLeary

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 15; Title 67, Chapter 3; Title 67, Chapter 6 and Title 68, Chapter 135, relative to biodiesel fuel and the implementation of incentives to encourage the production thereof.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Within existing resources, the commissioner of agriculture is hereby authorized to establish cooperative efforts between the state and private enterprise in order to:

- (1) Encourage the utilization of soy and other agricultural products for energy purposes and thereby encourage the establishment of a substantial market for agricultural products in Tennessee;
- (2) Revive economically depressed areas and create a significant number of new jobs;
- (3) Encourage participation of the private sector in the development of a production system for biodiesel fuel within the state of Tennessee;
- (4) Promote the use of clean, efficient and renewable energy in the state of Tennessee and the United States;
- (5) Attract new industry to Tennessee and thereby encourage the investment of capital in Tennessee; and
- (6) Reduce the dependence of the state of Tennessee and the United States on imported petroleum through the use of alternate, renewable energy sources.

SECTION 2. For the purposes of this act, "biodiesel" (mono-alkyl-esters) means a cleaner-burning fuel made from renewable resources such as vegetable oils, animal fats, or recycled restaurant greases.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.